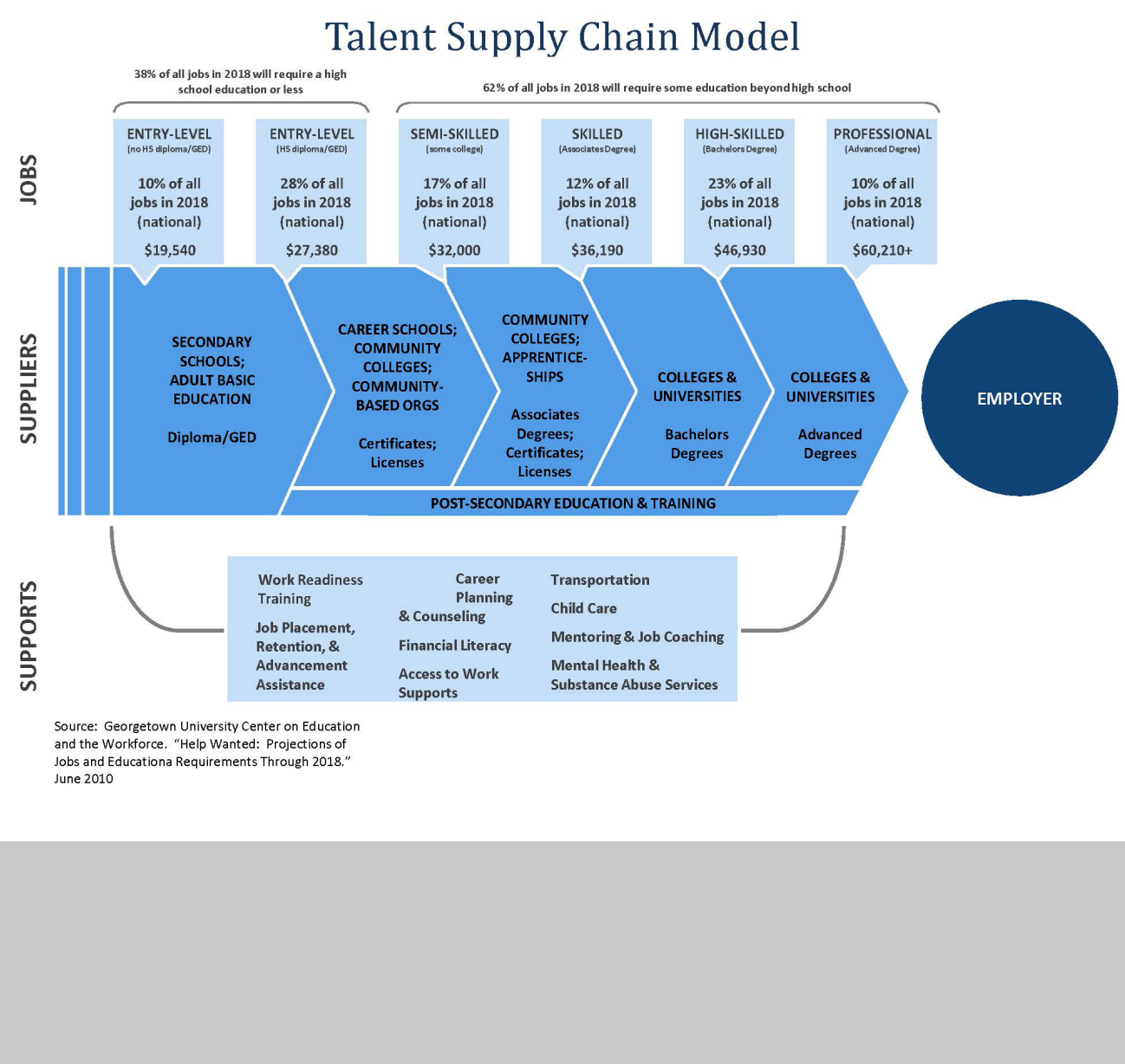
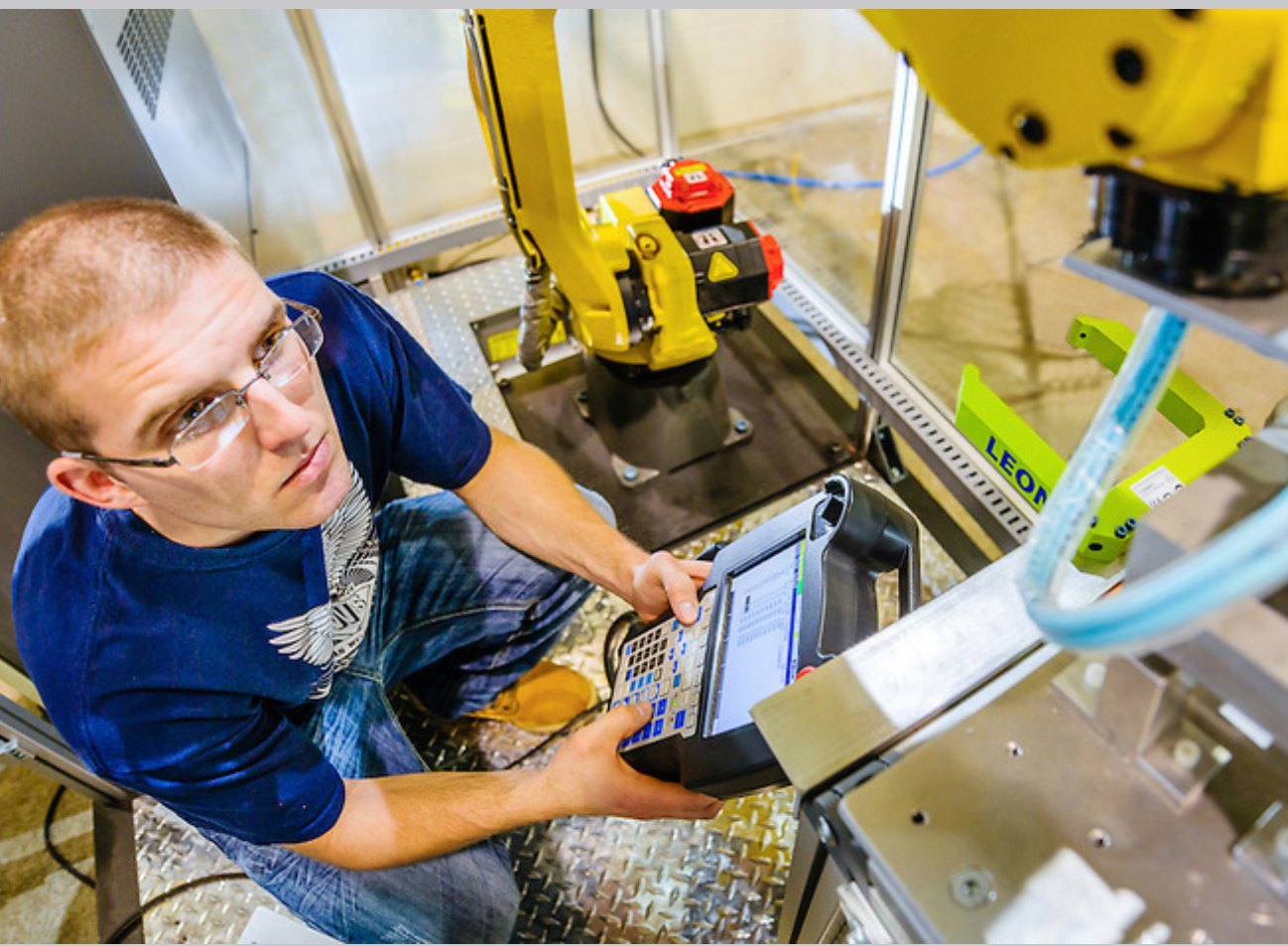
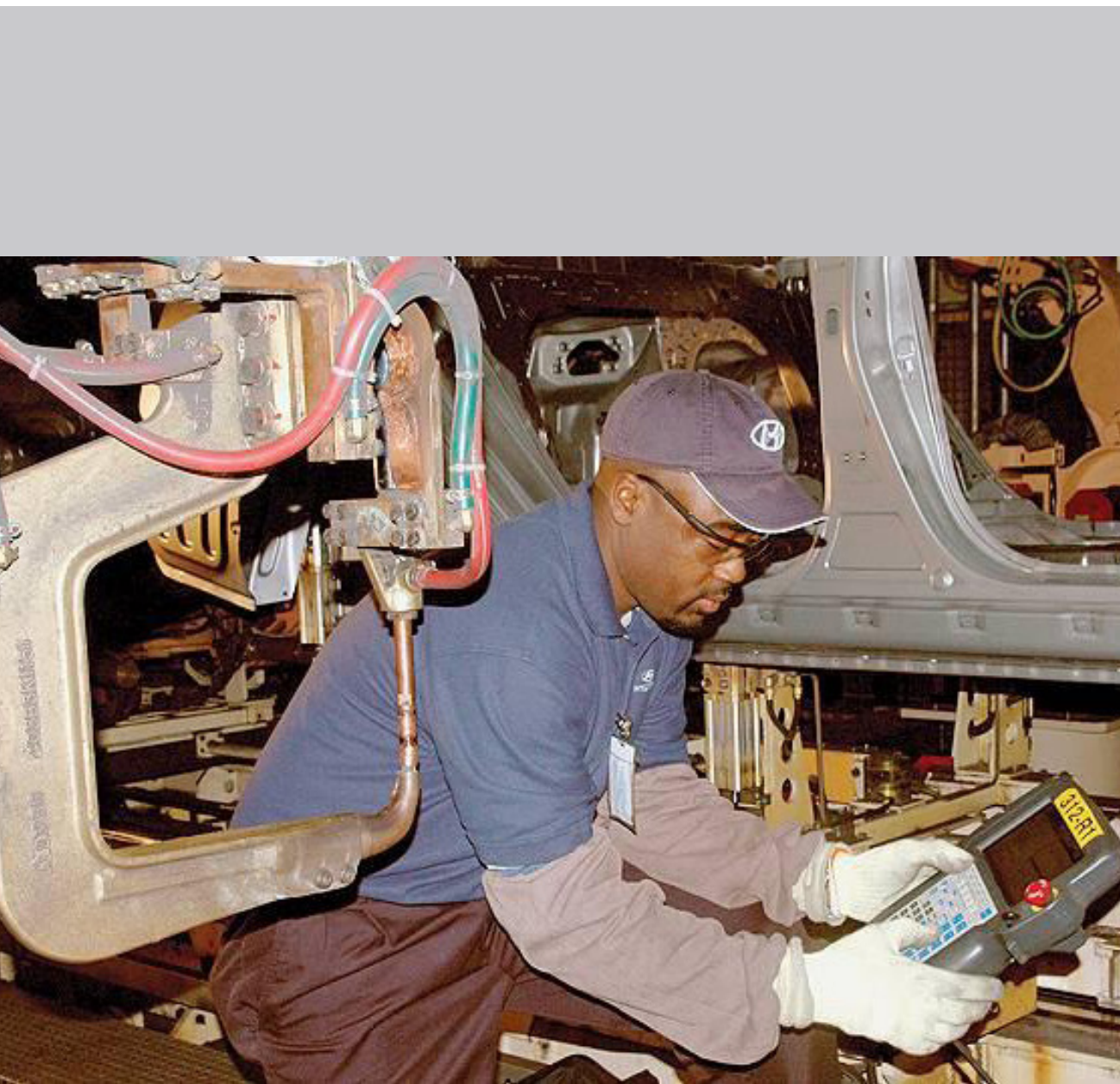


Planning Foundation for Development of Skilled Workforce for Advanced Manufacturing



Purpose

This planning project will lay the foundation for a long-term, sustainable effort to meet Advanced Manufacturing's current and future needs for skilled workers. The success of this project will assure future employment and income opportunities for youth and adults; provide a stronger skilled workforce to retain, expand, and attract Advanced Manufacturing employers into the four-county region of Crawford, Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot; and spark enrollments in educational institutions into fields that lead to job growth.

Impact

Connect businesses with qualified workers by:

- Identifying skills and training in Advanced Manufacturing
- Partnering with economic development to enhance business retention/expansion efforts
- Linking students with employers for experiential learning.

Align education with employer needs/strategies by:

- Developing alliance in priority industries in each of four counties
- Sharing results of skills analyses with educational partners
- Initiating development of career pathways.

This project will also seek to convene a Work Readiness Collaborative of service providers to improve and coordinate work readiness and placement efforts for jobseekers; focus on aligning around core work readiness competencies; incorporate common training components and certifications; and use data to drive continuous improvement in work readiness services.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
OSU Extension

Community Partners Involved

Crawford County Partnership for Education & Economic Development
Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance
Hub 21 at Harding High School
Tri-Rivers Career Center
Wyandot County Economic Development & Regional Planning

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